

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN**

RAYMOND PRENTICE,
Plaintiff,

v.

Case No. 15-C-1312

CAROLYN W. COLVIN,
Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration
Defendant.

ORDER

Plaintiff Raymond Prentice seeks judicial review of a decision by the Commissioner of the Social Security Administration denying disability and other benefits. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a), a plaintiff must pay a filing fee to bring an action in federal court, but plaintiff requests leave to proceed in forma pauperis. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1), an indigent party may commence a federal court action, without paying required costs and fees, upon submission of an affidavit asserting inability “to pay such fees or give security therefor” and stating “the nature of the action, defense or appeal and affiant’s belief that the person is entitled to redress.”

Plaintiff has filed the required affidavit, and on review I am satisfied that he meets the requirements of § 1915(a)(1). Plaintiff reports part-time employment income of \$360 per month, less than the civil filing fee of \$400. He owns no real estate, motor vehicles, or other valuable assets, and relies on a family friend for financial assistance. Plaintiff further avers that he believes he is entitled to the relief sought in the complaint, and on review of the complaint I am unable to determine that the action is frivolous or that the complaint fails to state a claim.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's petition to proceed in forma pauperis (R. 2) is **GRANTED**. The file will be returned to the Clerk of Courts for service on defendant.

Plaintiff is advised to provide defendant or her counsel with copies of all future motions or papers filed by plaintiff in this action.

Dated at Milwaukee, Wisconsin this 9th day of November, 2015.

/s Lynn Adelman
LYNN ADELMAN
District Judge